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SUBJECT: HINTS OF MINOR PROGRESS IN THE SWISS-LIBYA STANDOFF REF: TRIPOLI 942 TRIPOLI 00001024 001.2 OF 002

CLASSIFIED BY: Gene Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy Tripoli, U.S. Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1.(S/NF) Summary: The Swiss Charge in Tripoli, Stefano Lazarrotto, expressed cautious optimism that the bilateral crisis with Libya had seen me
POSITIVE SIGN BUT REQUEST FOR SUPPORT STANDS

2.(C) Swiss Charge Stefano Lazarrotto said that the GOL had granted a visa to a Swiss diplomat who will be assigned to Libya to serve as "Head

3.(S/NF) Due to this positive development, Lazarrotto said the Swiss were less concerned than they were a few weeks ago about the possibility t
SWISS PURSUE DUAL TRACK STRATEGY

4.(C) Lazarrotto confirmed that an appeals trial was still scheduled to take place on December 22 in the immigration court. The Libyan lawyer w

5.(S/NF) The Swiss are now proceeding along two tracks to negotiate a solution to the situation. The first track, being led by the Swiss Govern

6.(S/NF) The Swiss have initiated a second track recently, through Saif al-Islam al-Qadhafi's Qadhafi Development Foundation (QDF). Lazarrotto
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7.(S/NF) Lazarrotto said that he had faced pressure recently from "a few EU embassies," regarding Switzerland's decision to veto the issuance c

8.(S/NF) Comment: Lazarrotto's previous fears regarding his status seem to have been greatly allayed by the GOL's issuance of a visa for a Swis